

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A coating composition for formation of a self-layering or self-coating lacquer system, comprising:

at least two components selected from the group consisting of a resin, an oligomer, and a polymer, the at least two components being emulsified or dispersed in water and each of the at least two components having a different surface tension, wherein at least one of the at least two components is a UV-hardenable clear lacquer ~~that includes a UV hardener and is configured to be cross-linked and hardened by UV light curing~~, and wherein a difference in the surface tensions of the at least two components is greater than 5 mN/m.

Claim 2 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least two components are thermally dried or hardened by radiation.

Claim 3 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 2, wherein the at least two components are hardened by at least one of UV radiation, NIR radiation and IR radiation.

Claim 4 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 2, wherein the at least two components are dried by microwave drying.

Claim 5 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein the resin and the polymer are selected from the group consisting of aminoplasts, epoxy resins, phenolic resins, polyurethane resins, polyester resins, polyvinyl acetate, amine resins, and alkyd resins.

Claim 6 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 5, wherein the alkyd resins include fluorine- or silicon-containing resins.

Claim 7 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, further comprising at least one starter for a radiation-induced radical polymerization.

Claim 8 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two components has a surface tension lying in a range from 20 to 35 mN/m.

Claim 9 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein of the components is formed by a clear lacquer.

Claim 10 (original): A lacquer coating produced from a coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the at least two components forms a clear lacquer coating having a thickness of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and wherein another of the at least two components forms a coloring coating having a thickness of 5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 11 (previously presented): A lacquer coating, produced from a coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the at least two components forms a filler material layer and wherein another of the at least two components forms a base lacquer or a protective paint coat.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A method of coating a surface of an automobile part or component, the method comprising:

- providing a coating composition according to claim 1;
- using the coating composition to coat the surface of the automobile part or component.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a self-coating or self-layering lacquer coating, the method comprising:

- introducing a first component in water so as to emulsify or disburse the first component in the water in a first mixture;

- introducing a second component in water so as to emulsify or disburse the second component in the water in a second mixture, wherein each of the at least two different components are selected from the group consisting of a resin, a polymer, and an oligimer;

- adding a UV hardener to at least one of the first and second mixtures;



mixing the first and second mixtures to form a coating;  
applying the coating to an object;  
pre-drying the coating; and  
performing a final drying of the coating including at least one radiation treatment using  
UV light.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the applying is performed  
by doctor blading, electrostatically or pneumatically.